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☒ A specification consisting of 29 pages☒ 01 sheet(s) of Formal drawings☐ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy☐ Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76

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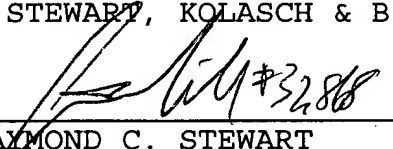
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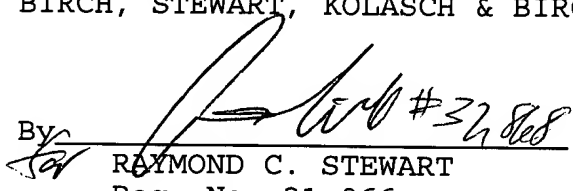
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